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## Viewing cable 09MONTERREY100, MEXICO: TRACKING NARCO-GRENADES

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">09MONTERREY100</a>	<a href="#">2009-03-03 17:19</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">SECRET//NOFORN</a>	<a href="#">Consulate Monterrey</a>

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SUBJECT: MEXICO: TRACKING NARCO-GRENADES

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REASON: 1.4 (a), (b), (d)

11. (SBU) During recent months Mexican narco-traffickers have directed a series of grenade attacks directed against, inter alia, Mexican law enforcement and military facilities, civilian crowds, and U.S. consular installations. The escalation in the strength and power of the weapons used by the narco-traffickers has not only cost lives, but has taken its toll in terms of the damage done to local civil society.

12. (S) AmConsulate General Monterrey's ATF Office, the ATF Explosives Technology Branch, and AmEmbassy Mexico DAO have been working with Mexican law enforcement authorities to identify the origin of various grenades and other explosive devices recovered locally over the past few months, including the unexploded M26A2 fragmentation grenade hurled at the Consulate itself during the October 11, 2008 attack. Other ordnance recovered includes 21 grenades recovered by Mexican law enforcement on October 16, 2008 after a raid at a narco-warehouse in Guadalupe (a working class suburb of Monterrey), and twenty-five 40mm explosive projectiles, a U.S. M203 40mm grenade launcher, and three South Korean K400 fragmentation grenades recovered the same day in an abandoned armored vehicle that suspected narco-traffickers used to escape apprehension.

13. (S/NF) Local Mexican law enforcement has recovered a

Grenade spoon and pull ring from an exploded hand grenade used in a January 6, 2009 attack on Televisa Monterrey, a Monterrey television station. Based upon ATF examination, it appears that the grenade used in the attack on the Consulate has the same lot number, and is of similar design and style, as the three of the grenades found at the narco-warehouse in Guadalupe. On January 7, 2009, the Mexican Army recovered 14 M-67 fragmentation grenades and 1 K400 fragmentation grenade in Durango City, Durango. Finally and perhaps most disturbing, on January 31, 2009 three men tossed a K-75 grenade into a night club near Pharr, Texas -- an East Texas border town --but the grenade did not explode. The attackers may have been targeting three off-duty police officers who were in the club at the time.

¶4. (S) The lot numbers of some of the grenades recovered, including the grenade used in the attack on Televisa, indicate that previously ordnance with these same lot numbers may have been sold by the USG to the El Salvadoran military in the early 1990s via the Foreign Military Sales program. We would like to thank AmEmbassy San Salvador for its ongoing efforts to query the Government of El Salvador as whether any of its stocks of grenades and other munitions have been diverted or are otherwise unaccounted for.

¶5. (SBU) AmConsulate Monterrey requests that Department instruct AmEmbassy Seoul to discreetly query the Korean government regarding the whereabouts, disposition, and the possibility of any missing stocks of South Korean-made:

--- 40mm High Explosives Cartridges K200, with Lot numbers HWB95L615-012; HWB95L615-014; EC-87E615-061; EC-88G615-071, EC-84D610-096, EC-83H615-012, and EC-83H815-012.

--- K400 Fragmentation Grenades, with Lot numbers EC-89E605-063, HEB96H605-033, HWB96H605-033, HWB96H-609-003, KG94DK400002-017, KG94D002-017, HWB89S605-063, ME183D, and HWB95K605-029.

--- K402 Fragmentation Grenades, with Lot numbers HWB96H605-063 and HWB96H605-033.

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--- K75 Fragmentation Grenade, with Lot numbers EC-85E605-031 and EC89E605-073.

¶6. (SBU) Any information as to the destination of this ordnance and to whom it may have been sold would be most appreciated. This information will be used in an U.S. ongoing criminal investigation.  
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